

DESCANSO

Central Mountain Subregional Planning Area

2000 Census Population¹: 1,742

Community 2020 Target: 2,274

Working Copy Population: 2,800

KEY ISSUES IDENTIFIED AT 15 COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS AND MEETINGS:

- Provide adequate access to open space.
- Encourage the preservation of a rural character, ranchlands.
- Maintain an agricultural/ranching lifestyle.
- Preserve environmental resources.
- Lack of water.

CONCEPTS AND CRITERIA USED IN CREATION OF MAP:

Regional Categories (Structure):

- No Village Core densities exist in the subregion.
- Village densities reflect parcelization.
- Semi-Rural areas reflect the existing pattern of development.
- Rural areas dominate the subregion. Rural designation reflects environmental constraints and goal to maintain open space and rural atmosphere.

Land Use Distribution Criteria:

- Defined country town boundary. All lands outside of the country town are located in the Forest Conservation Initiative.
- Low-density designations reflect community concern of lack of water and environmental constraints (slope, floodplain, etc.)
- Low-density designations applied to Forest Conservation Initiative lands. No density applied to lands considered 'no jurisdiction' (tribal lands, public lands).
- Attempt to retain existing setting and rural atmosphere.

ADVISORY GROUP RECOMMENDATIONS:

Interest Group:

- No major issues identified.

Planning Group:

- Retain existing general plan.
- Underlying densities of Forest Conservation Initiative lands should be recognized in the new general plan.

¹ *subarea does not include group quarters*